

CRATFIELD NEWS

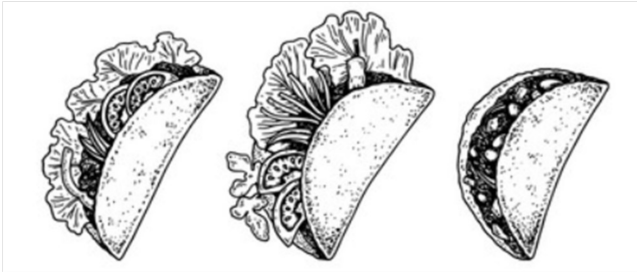
July 2023

VILLAGE HALL POP UP PUB

FRIDAY 7th JUNE

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FRIDAY 4th AUGUST

'ANDY & RICHARD'S BIG BBQ'

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Church Farmhouse Open Garden

We have never attempted to do anything like this before so it was with not a little trepidation that we waited for 11am on Saturday 10th June to arrive.

We were delighted to have our first visitor at 11:01am! The morning proved quite busy and as cake was clearly required we abandoned the declaration on the poster that tea and cake was available from 2pm and started serving straight away! The afternoon was even busier and by the end of the day our garden visitors totalled 107 - not bad for a small village event!

Thank you so much to Sarah and Hugh Vass, Anne Bedford, Nigel Cousins and Susan Nixey who kindly sat at the gate to take admission money as well as persuading people to buy some of the plants! Our children and grandchildren also worked all day, making tea and serving cake. Ah yes! The cakes! Another huge thank you to all the village cake makers for donating to the cake table. In fact one of the really fun aspects of the day was the social gathering based around cake consumption - it was so lovely to see everyone chatting away happily together.

We were so lucky with the weather. The colder start to the beginning of the week meant that the peonies and roses held back from bursting into flower and when then sun came through on Thursday and Friday, they all came into bloom to give us a fine show on Saturday

As to the fundraising...we took £374 at the gate, £376 from tea and cake sales and a further £83:50 from plant sales giving a grand total of £833:50 all of which will go the St Mary's Church funds. A big thank you to all of you who came and supported our venture!

Paul and Caroline Marfleet

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Banyan Tree event @ Bell Corner so successful.

About 75 beautifully served cream teas came out of the kitchen, with freshly baked scones, jam, cream and strawberries, all on lovely china. Thanks to those who baked, served the teas, washed up and helped set up the gazebos, tables & chairs. Thanks also to those who provided posies of flowers, for table decoration and fund raising.

And, of course, thanks to everyone who came to enjoy the sunshine and the garden, roses, pond and courtyard trains, to meet friends and neighbours and make it such an enjoyable afternoon.

An amazing total of £673 was raised. All of this will go to The Banyan Tree charity based in Kerala, South India. Money goes further there; the amount raised will pay for one of our teacher's salaries for more than a year.

Peter & Sue

www.thebanyantree.org.uk

**All are invited
to
a special benefice service
at
St Mary's Church, Cratfield
on
Sunday 9 July 2023 at 11.00 am**

at which Clive Mobbs will preside at the Eucharist for the first time following his ordination as priest by the Rt Rev Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral on 1st July

As with all our services you do not need to be a "regular" to be welcome in our churches. On this occasion you will be particularly welcome as we worship God and mark this significant moment in Clive's ministry. There will be light refreshments after the service

Over the next two years Clive will continue to serve out his curacy as part of the ministry team under the supervision of the Rev Enid Pow - Priest in Charge of the Four Rivers Benefice.

**Garage Trail and Car Boot Sale
Saturday 29th July
Fressingfield**

A car boot sale and garage trail, organised by the **Fressingfield and District Branch of the Royal British Legion** will be held on Saturday 29th July. The starting point will be the Fressingfield village playing field adjacent to the Sports and Social Club. The event will start at 8.00am and finish at 1.00pm. All pitches cost £5.

For further information or to book a pitch, please contact Mervyn Chambers on 01379 586203 or 07766 174770.

All proceeds generated will go to the Royal British Legion welfare fund and be used to enhance the quality of life for our veterans.

**If you have any items which you think may be worthy (!) of this sort of sale and you are willing to donate them, please contact:-
Sue or Nick on 01986 798725 Many thanks.**

HELP WANTED

Concerts at Cratfield is urgently looking for someone to act as a Concert Day Manager for the 2023 season which starts on July 2nd. The role involves helping ensure all the arrangements are in place on concert day (e.g. ensuring church and portaloos are ready and clean, putting up the small gazebo where the artists have lunch, erecting temporary parking signs, taking chairs, cushions etc out of the shed and then putting everything back after the concert). It would be about 1.5 – 2 hours on the morning before the concert, and the same again or a bit less at the end of the day. There are six concerts (July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27 and September 10). We are a friendly and welcoming bunch, and able to offer payment for the work involved, and would consider splitting the role if you can't manage every concert. If you think you can help and would be interested please get in touch with Jonathan Birt via email concertsatcratfield@hotmail.com or mobile 07860 361746.

CONCERTS AT CRATFIELD

Concerts at Cratfield opens its new season in this beautiful village on July 2. We are looking forward to another season with some of the finest professional musicians in Britain and Europe, including the Leonore Piano Trio, Solem Quartet, the Carducci Quartet with the world-renowned clarinetist Julian Bliss, the pianist Charles Owen, the Rossetti Piano Ensemble, and finally the London Haydn Quartet.

Concerts at Cratfield began at Walpole Chapel in 1987, and its early success led to its move to the wonderful setting and acoustic of Cratfield Church. We've always been grateful for the welcome we receive and the way the village has embraced the influx of concertgoers over six summer Sunday afternoons. Our artists love performing here and our audiences love coming.

As well as introducing many people to the village and the area, our concerts have helped raise money to support the upkeep of St Mary's Church over three decades, with 10% of concert revenues going to Church funds, and we organised a special concert in 2016 to help raise funds for the Church roof. I am also delighted to be able to thank the organisers of the teas for confirming that once again one of the highlights of our concerts – the interval tea and cakes – will be available for our audience to enjoy, another important source of funding to keep St Mary's open for future generations.

As a sign of appreciation for Cratfield's hospitality and support, we are pleased to offer Cratfield residents discounted tickets for this year's season - if you turn up on the door and show a Cratfield address, we will be pleased to offer the regular £15 tickets in the side aisles and choir stalls for just £8. As has been the case for some years now, for those who are 25 and under, we are able to offer free tickets, thanks in part to the support of the Adnams Trust.

If you've not been before or for a while, we hope this will tempt you to give us a try. You can be sure of a warm welcome and some of the finest music in the country. You can find out more on our website www.concertsatcratfield.org.

Peter Baker Chairman of Concerts at Cratfield



History Corner

SOCIAL CLIMBING 18TH CENTURY STYLE

Eleazar Davy was born in Huntingfield in 1724 to a farmer, David Davy (1680-1764) and his wife, Elizabeth Sheene (1684 -1762). In 1737 the young 13-year-old Eleazar was apprenticed to Henry Aldrick, an Apothecary in Halesworth. The boy was to become a long-term tenant of Ubbeston Hall between c1748 and 1779 and later the owner of a mansion, The Grove, in Yoxford. The famous artist, Thomas Gainsborough, painted his portrait in 1775 and gave it the title *Eleazar Davy of the Grove, Yoxford, Suffolk*.*

From the relatively humble beginnings, born into a local farming family, Eleazar later began to move in more lofty circles. His memorial tablet in Yoxford Church states he was 'for many years an active and useful magistrate'. Whilst living at Ubbeston Hall, he married Frances Ann Warter Wilson, nee Evans, daughter of the Right Honourable George Evans, Lord Carbery, on 8 October 1766 at St James' Westminster. According to Manners he 'acquired some local position by the marriage of his stepdaughter with Sir John Rous, afterwards Earl of Stradbroke'. Eleazar had connections with other quite powerful families too, such as the Blois family of Cockfield Hall in Yoxford and the Kemps in Ubbeston, including standing as executor for their wills etc. By 1770, Eleazar Davy had become Lord High Sheriff of Suffolk, whilst still living in Ubbeston. During the 1770s, Eleazar bought The Grove in Yoxford, nowadays called Grove Park. It was originally a late 16th century building, which Eleazar developed into his 'Mansion House'. About the same time, he had his portrait painted by Gainsborough. By 1798, the Land Redemption Tax tells us Davy owned lands in Yoxford, Ubbeston, Wissett, Westhall and Walberswick.

Eleazar, had no children and outlived his wife by two years, dying on 24 January 1803 at the age of 79. Eleazar obviously wanted his home, with all its contents and furnishings, to stay the same after his death and all his future inheritors had to comply. There was also an expressed wish that all the future owners would take the name Davy and the Coat of Arms Eleazar had acquired. This was addressed in 1852 when the London Gazette reported that Queen Victoria granted to 'Lucy Elizabeth Barlee, of The Grove, in the parish of Yoxford, in the county of Suffolk ... Her royal licence and authority that, in compliance with a proviso contained in the last will and testament of her uncle Eleazar Davy, of The Grove aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, she may henceforth assume and use the surname and arms of Davy...'

So, not quite a rags to riches story but certainly a rise to power by a local lad.

Laxfield & District Museum is now open for the 2023 season from 2-5pm every weekend and bank holiday until Sunday October 29th. We are also open on Saturday mornings from 10-1pm when Laxfield Community Market is held: Jun 3; Jul 1; Aug 5; Sep 2; Oct 7.

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Aradhya is just over two years old, she is the daughter of Renju one of a team of teachers at CDSA (Centre for Dalit Studies and Action) the Banyan Tree's community centre in the village of Idinjar. As we have not been here for over three years Aradhya has never seen us; neither has she seen any other westerner, no one with white hair or light skin colour. She has had no opportunity, she is a child of Idinjar and Idinjar is over 1000ft a.s.l. in the foothills of the Western Ghats in an isolated, forested, hilly, tribal reservation zone 12 km from the nearest town and 45 km, and a world away from TRV.

We have been working at Idinjar for over 16 years and we have never seen another westerner - apart from the few we have from time to time had with us – if we were to work here for another 16 years it will probably be the same.

Aradhya is shy and although she cannot take her eyes off us she does it with secretive glances, hiding behind her mother or other children, tables or chairs; it takes several days before she plucks up courage to come near, to touch our skin or stroke our hair, but she does.

The project at Idinjar has several aims; the primary one is education: working in close touch with local schools it teaches across the 5-16 age range and in tandem with the State School syllabus and grading range of standards 4-10. Classes are held daily from 8-9 am before students go to school and after school 3-5 pm, also on Saturday mornings. Saturday afternoon is recreational activity with dancing, music, singing and games. Indian schools have a long 'hot season' holiday, most of May and June and the centre runs a six week vacation programme of varied educational, social and recreational activities. This often includes a day coach trip to the beach (always popular) or some other place of interest.

The centre has a tailoring workshop where women can learn a skill and earn a little money and offers medical care, particularly to older people, as it has a full-time health worker, a part-time nurse and a dispensary. A qualified doctor from the TRV medical college does a surgery on fortnightly Saturdays.

The building is used for marriage receptions, Panchayat (Local Council) meetings and other village functions, which generate a useful small amount of income for the project.

The Director of the project is Chandra Babu, a man we have known for nearly 20 years, he founded CDSA with the intention of helping poor and disadvantaged people and communities; he chose Idinjar because it chimed with his aspirations; Idinjar and the area around is disadvantaged and the vast majority of the people are poor. CDSA is the centre for Dalit studies and action. Chandra is himself a Dalit, from a Dalit family, although well educated and having held a job as a social worker with the Kerala Government service.

Dalit (a Sanskrit word meaning scattered or broken) is the term used for people who are outside the four-fold Varna system of caste, (Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaiya, Shudra) or of the Panchama or fifth Varna; that is they are casteless or of the lowest social grade. There have been other names for these people Untouchables, Harijans - now Scheduled Caste. Dalits comprise about 17% of the total Indian

population and about 5% of the Keralan population. Although the general situation and condition of Dalits has improved, they still are among the poorest, most disadvantaged and abused of Indian people.

One of India's most revered reformers and political leaders, the architect of India's constitution post – independence, was B.R Ambedkar himself a Dalit but who became a Buddhist, prompting many other Dalits to do the same or to convert to other faiths such as Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam and Christianity to give themselves an identity. Chandra Babu is a Christian as are many of the people of Idinjar, but many other faiths are present there so CDSA works with a very multifaith community, for the benefit of all.

Prior to our visit the staff had suggested that it would be useful if we could see and talk with a few of the past students to learn what they had done and achieved since leaving us and what their feelings were now about their time at CDSA. Chandra had said that he would try to make that happen on the last Saturday of our visit.to *continue*

Porgamo

Peter Baker Sue Seabon

An Unexpected Enjoyable Interlude

I left Naval Plans in August 1982 with a recommendation to return to sea – not everyone is so lucky.

It so happened that no sea billet was immediately available. However, down in Devonport the Commander (Second in Command) of HMS Drake, whom fortunately I didn't know, had been sacked by the Commodore HMS Drake and the Flag Officer Plymouth, and I was sent down for 7 months to "turn it around." This wasn't quite as bad as it sounds, because things had become so bad that they were quite likely to start to improve simply because of the change. But it was still a challenge.

HMS Drake is a huge establishment, today known as HM Naval Base Plymouth. It's the largest naval operating base in Western Europe, capable of refitting all RN ships and nuclear submarines and providing operational support – engineering, repair, stores, fuel, victuals, sea and shore training, medical services, barrack accommodation, recreational facilities, family welfare and more. It also housed the RN Hydrographic and Regulating¹ schools and played a civic role in the city of Plymouth. And South Devon, as I knew, is a wonderful place to live.

The fundamental problem was one of low corporate morale. The different departments were barely talking to each other; they had become a set of separate "silos." Low morale in any organisation, civil or military, always results from a failure of leadership. Candy had remained in London where she worked, so I had ample time to get to know the base and its people, and to reinforce the message that our only role was to support the sea-going fleet. To do that we had to work together as a single enterprise with our eyes looking always "down the Hamoaze"² My message was that if the fleet was not given what it needed, we had all failed. "There is no individual success if there is corporate failure" was my constant song. My team must

have become very bored with it.

Some things I did were initially regarded as odd, even unwelcome. I walked round the base constantly, poking my head into offices and workplaces of all sorts, to see people at their workplace, find out what they did and to identify any problems they had. If I thought I could do so, I promised to sort them out as quickly as possible. If I couldn't, I explained why not and asked them to bear with me whilst I investigated. I held regular working lunches with the heads of all departments and, perhaps most controversially, ensured that on all formal occasions, mess dinners etc, departments were mixed up on the seating plan, and could not sit together as an independent, closed, "gaggle." We were to be "Of One Company."³ I persuaded my boss, the Commodore, and other local senior officers to hold occasional "mixed lunches" to reinforce this and went out of my way to ensure we were as well organised as I could manage and that there was time for fun too. There is a well-tryed naval principle of command that "In public you should attribute all successes to your team but take responsibility for all failures yourself." This is always a challenge to one's pride, but I tried to do it, although I'm not sure I always succeeded. Leading is always mainly about learning and I learned a lot.

It was occasionally exhausting, and I didn't get home to London much. But they were seven happy, enjoyable months. Soon, people began to discover that it was surprisingly enjoyable to talk to different people and to pick each other's brains and skills. This quickly improved the working environment, the enjoyment people found in their work and, best of all, the service we gave to the ships. Then one day we received a signal from a ship sailing for a long East of Suez deployment, thanking us for the excellent help they had received from HMS Drake in getting ready. I sent this round with a strong "Well done everybody" to every department and thanked them. Incredibly, the problem was somehow cracked. I felt very proud of them all. Soon afterwards, I was sent as second in command of the aircraft carrier HMS Hermes which, as it happened, was a Devonport based ship, so I would be looking up the other end of the telescope, confident that we would get excellent support from HMS Drake and my successor.

Jeremy Blackham

1. Training respectively Marine Surveyors and the RN version of the Military Police. Our regulating branch were more avuncular and helpful, especially to young sailors. Unlike MPs, they started as ordinary sailors who later joined the Regulating Branch and were also integral members of the crew in the ships they served in, not a separate corps.
2. The Hamoaze is the estuary of the River Tamar, from Saltash Bridge to Plymouth Sound and the sea. It was my way of saying, "Never forget that we are here solely to support the only part of the Navy which matters - the ship at sea".
3. This was the motto of my first ship. HMS Cavalier.

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – JULY

CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Subscriptions are now due for the 2023/24 year. Don't forget – for just £1 a month for the year, you are in the draw to win either **£15, £10 or £5 EACH MONTH!** Forms were in the May edition of the magazine or spare copies can be obtained from Helen at Yew Trees on Bell Green.

Forms and payment (cash or cheques payable to “Cratfield Village Hall 100 Club”) should be returned to Helen as soon as possible (3rd house on Bell Green after the turning to Manse Lane on your left). The 100 Club has benefitted the Village Hall for many years – contributing towards such items as the glass washer for the pop-up pub, picnic benches outside for events, table cloths, decorating and water heaters. You know the saying... “you have to be in it to win it” - so go on - have a go!

Pop Up Pub – Friday 7th July – Oli's Mexican BBQ

Why not come along and enjoy something totally different!?!

Main Course for only £8 - 2x Taco's, choose one or both of either Pulled Pork (Cochinita Pibil) or Street Corn (Esquites). The Street Corn is available as Vegetarian (default) or Vegan (optional). Also includes Green rice, Tomato Salsa and Corn and Black Bean salsa. Additional Taco's £3 each. None of the dishes contain chilli's by default, though they will have plenty of serving options to spice them up anywhere from mildly spicy to silly hot if you are feeling brave. All dishes Gluten Free, other allergens available on request, food offering takes cash and card payments.

Pop Up Pub – Friday 4th August – The Village Hall BBQ – back by popular demand!

It is that time of year again, the BIG Cratfield Village Hall BBQ – with locally sourced food, from Cratfield burgers to Brundish Lane Farm Sausages. Cooked by Richard & Andy and served in a roll with salad and coleslaw on the side.

Cratfield Dog Show – Sunday 17th September – DATE TBC

Keep any eye out for the posters and further information in the Cratfield News

Indoor Bowls – usually every other Tuesday from 7pm - 25th July (not 11th July)

Do come along and have a go – no experience required – all good fun! Tea & Coffee available and there is a suggested donation of £2 to play. Any queries please contact Nigel 07445351861 or Elliott 07963676207. Come and have a go!

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Photographic Competition 2023 - Saturday 14th October

Entry forms will be coming out in the August magazine, remember this is a fun event for everyone to take part – you do not need a professional camera to take part, and it is only £1 to enter – and children can enter for free!

The categories are - My Cratfield / Suffolk Patterns / Abandoned Suffolk - All topics are open to your interpretation! Keep an eye on the village Facebook page for hints and tips

Next Village Hall Talk – Saturday 9th December – TBC

For anyone who enjoyed the ‘private show garden tours’ footage and designer interviews of the 2022 RHS Chelsea Flower Show that featured in the previous Village Hall Talk ‘Behind the Scenes at RHS Chelsea Flower Show’ earlier this year, there is similar footage of this year’s show. If you search You Tube for ‘Stephanie’s Grand Tour of Europe’ and then ‘The Secrets of the Chelsea Flower Show 2023’ you can find it.

100 CLUB

Another month, another 100 Club draw! The winners of the June 2023 100 Club draw (taken by Erica Rae) are: 1st Prize (£15) number 81 – Nigel Cousins / 2nd Prize (£10) number 61 – Bryan Leveratt and 3rd Prize (£5) number 65 – Julie Pasque. Many congratulations to the winners! (Please note the July and August winners for 2023 will be published in the September magazine.)

Committee Meetings for 2023 – 7pm

Thursday 17th Aug / Thursday 9th Nov (and AGM)

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Cratfield Quiz Bands

1. Chris Martin is the lead singer of which band?
2. Who had a hit with the "House of the Rising Sun" in 1964?
3. Whose 1973 album was called "Goat's Head Soup"?
4. When did Gerri Halliwell leave the Spice Girls?
5. Which band's lead singer is Brandon Flowers?
6. "Good Vibrations" was a hit in 1966 for which group?
7. Paul Weller was part of The Jam and which other group?
8. Which group did Robbie Williams leave in 1995?
9. "A Night at the Opera" in 1975 was an album by which group?
10. Who recorded "Love Shack" in 1990?
11. Matt Healy is the lead singer of which group?
12. Who told us to "Move like Jagger" in 2010?
13. Lionel Richie left which group in 1982?
14. Melanie Blatt, Shaznay Lewis and Natalie and Nicole Appleton were members of which girl group?
15. "Hotel California" was a hit for which American group?
16. In 1984 "Ballroom Blitz" was recorded by which Glam rock band?
17. Which group said "I don't like Mondays" in 1974?
18. Who left One Direction to pursue a solo career and has appeared in "Dunkirk" and "Don't Worry Darling"?
19. In 2009 who recorded "I Gotta Feeling"?
20. Which group headlined Reading in 2022 and told you that "You looked good on the dance-floor?"

Answers on p18

JUNE in CRATFIELD

What a great month we've had here in Cratfield. Firstly what a treat it was to visit Paul and Caroline's garden. The hard work, and expertise, not to mention the glorious weather made it a memorable occasion. The garden is quite beautiful with so many delightful areas to enjoy, to sit and take in the variety of planting and garden features, water, pergolas, arbours, a shepherd's hut and....a lemon tree covered in fully grown lemons!

Thank you both for your generosity in opening up your garden and congratulations on the great sum of money raised for St. Mary's.

Secondly a visit to "The Firs, Suffolk". Thank you to Amy and Alison for their open evening. We were welcomed with a glass of bubbly on a warm summer evening and then were able to wander around the grounds and view the simply stunning guest accommodation. I think most of Cratfield wanted to move in immediately! What Amy and Alison have done is impressive, the quality and style of all the lodges with their beautiful furnishing and décor, not to mention hot-tubs, fire pits, outdoor seating areas etc. made one envious of any guests. And then there were the glamping pods, glamping with a capital G thats for sure. Is it possible to go on holiday in your own village?

And finally, cream teas in aid of The Banyan Tree. Again a lovely summer afternoon in Sue and Peter's garden where we enjoyed beautifully presented cream teas amidst colourful Indian fabrics and decoration and watched the steam train chugging gently around its track.

A lot of hard work for all those concerned, but much appreciated by all who attended. We are fortunate/ blessed to live in Cratfield with such generous spirited friends and neighbours! SE

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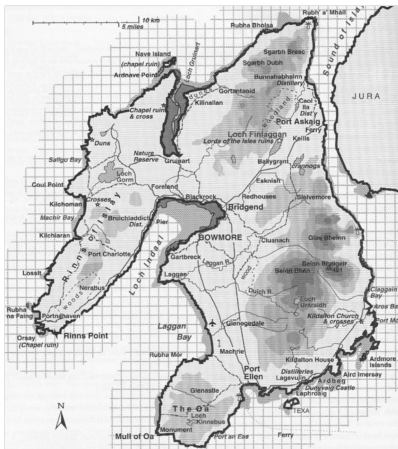
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Exploring the Scottish Islands – with a collapsible bike! Islay (Pop. today: 3,567)



Previous articles have focused on ‘The Small Isles’ (Canna, Rum, Eigg (& Muck)); I’ve then come down the coast to write about Mull... and, further down this belt of islands – collectively referred to as ‘The Inner Hebrides’ – we come to Islay and its close neighbour Jura (see LH map). The 2 hour ferry journey is reminder enough that you’re island-hopping but, once you land, it’s another island – at 25 miles north-to-south and 20 miles at its widest – that doesn’t have that ‘small island’ feel. One thing that is noticeable about the larger islands is that a ferry can be *packed* with vehicles, yet, once decanted, the roads clear

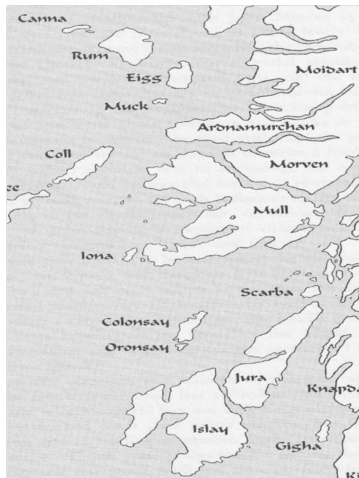
remarkably quickly: ‘rush hour’ changes to ‘Sunday afternoon’ in minutes. Islay is the most southerly, the most fertile (500 farms), the greenest and yet most industrialised of the Hebrides, with 8 distilleries. When I visited, the island didn’t blow my head off with ‘quaintness’, but it is steeped in

history: with the rest of the Western Islands, it fell under Norse rule from 850 – until they were driven out, in 1156, when Somerled, Kind of Argyll, defeated his brother-in-law in a sea battle. Islay then grew as a power-base, becoming the hugely powerful MacDonald stronghold and seat of government of the Lord of the Isles. By the 1300s, it had become an autonomy powerful enough to make its own treaties with England, France and Ireland. New chiefs then took over and centred themselves on an island in Loch Finlaggan in the north of Islay. (The island still contains extensive ruins of the council buildings.) In 1598, about 400 Macleans from Mull invaded, but almost all were killed: 30 took sanctuary in a church, but the MacDonalds set fire to it and all were burnt to death. With endless unrest, the island became impoverished until, in the early 1700s, the Campbells took over and rebuilt stability and prosperity on the island. Today's 'capital' of Islay, Bowmore, has a population of 710 and it has a circular church 'so the devil could find no corners to lurk in'.

Notable features of Islay: Extensive bird life (including the rare chough), otters, red deer, wild goats - and fuchsia hedges! Also, **George Robertson**, Labour MP, Secretary of State for Defence 1997 - 99, Secretary General of NATO 1999 – 2004 (now Baron Robertson of Port Ellen) was born here.

Next month: A short hop across from Islay to wild and mysterious Jura!

Andrew Weight



Answers to Music Quiz

1. Coldplay 2. The Animals 3. The Rolling Stones 4. 1998 5. The Killers 6. The Beach Boys 7. The Style Council 8. Take That 9. Queen 10. B-52s 11. The 1975 12. Maroon 5 13. The Commodores 14. All Saints 15. The Eagles 16. Sweet 17. The Boomtown Rats 18. Harry Styles 19. Black Eyed Peas 20. Arctic Monkeys

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Meeting Dates 2023**
Cratfield Village Hall

Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm

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News letter from The Vicarage, Laxfield

Human beings flourish when they are supported by others. Some people are introverts and need time alone, but that doesn't mean they don't need or like other people. In the same way extroverts also need some down time. Christians believe that is because human beings are made in the image of God, who is an example of perfect relationship. Whatever you might believe though; it is a fact that human beings are happier and healthier when they have relationships on all levels, from passing acquaintances, through to those of deep intimacy. Perhaps that is why the second great commandment is to love your neighbour as you love yourself. Not a hearts and flowers kind of love (although that is nice too!) but being kind and considerate to others and treating them in a way that you would like to be treated.

I have both seen and experienced remarkable acts of kindness since I moved to Laxfield. People are noticeably kind and friendly here, and look out for each other. For instance, a number of people, some of whom I had never met before, came and helped restore my garden to a useable and beautiful space. I can't tell you how grateful I was to be on the receiving end of that kindness.

When we are kind to other people it is rather like throwing pebbles into a pond. The ripples spread out and one act of kindness leads to another. We set the tone for someone else's day by the way we behave towards them. If it is good, we start off ripples of goodness, and of course the reverse is true too, if we are bad tempered and unkind. I know which kind of world I would prefer to live in. The Christian community is founded on love, kindness, forgiveness and generosity. If you would like to experience this, please come and join us on Sundays.



God bless you and give you days full of kindness.

Reverend Enid

Benefice Services for July 2023

June 2023	2nd	9th	16th	23rd
	Gen 22:1-14 Romans 6:12-end Matthew 10:40-end	Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 50-end Romans 7:15-25a Matt 11:16-19, 25-end	Gen 25:19-end Romans 8:1-11 Matt 13:1-9, 18-23	Gen 28:10-19a Romans 8:12-25 Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
Bedfield	10.30am Holy Communion EP			
Brundish	6.00pm Village Worship CS			6.00m Holy Communion CM
Cratfield	Clive's Priesting at Cathedral 1st JULY	11.00am Holy Communion Benefice Service	6.00pm Evening Prayer CM	
		Sidesperson	Sidesperson	
		Reader	Reader	
Laxfield	10.30am Celtic Morning Service LE		10.30am Holy Communion CM	10.30am Fourth Sunday Worship FS Team
Monk Soham	11.00am Family Service RA		11am BCP Holy Communion RA	
Tannington				
Wilby	10.30am Village Worship SP		10.30am Vil- lage Worship SP	10.30am Morn- ing Prayer CM
Worlingworth	11.00am Morning Prayer BS	6.00pm Let's Cele- brate Open Gar- dens EP	11.00am Morning Prayer BS/LE	11.00am Holy Communion RO

July 30th 10.30am Benefice Service Laxfield

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